

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

AUGUST 4, 2020

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Suite 200 Rushville Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Ron Jarman, and Dr. John Williams were present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Williams moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Commissioner Miller reported that they will be helping the Park Department install the new fitness equipment at South Memorial Park.

Police – Chief Tucker informed the Board that Officer Claycomb has started classes at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

They picked up the new car today.

Park – Director Burklow reported that the fitness equipment has been delivered and they are working on the placement of the various pieces.

Burklow said as of Thursday he will be down to 1 guy. Therefore he asked for approval to hire one employee for the rest of the year. He would like to hire at the next meeting. Cameron made a motion to accept applications for the position. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Williams said department heads should expect personnel challenges from time to time. Burklow said that his budget was cut 2 times, but he has enough left to cover this hire. He said it will be a struggle trying to do everything they planned. Williams said department heads should anticipate the worst and hope for the best.

Animal – Director Hanna asked if there were any questions regarding the report that was sent. There were none. She said the numbers are down making us pretty close to a no kill status.

Code – Director Jenkins reported that there will be a public hearing August 18 on 226 N Main.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **CCMG Update**
 - a. **2019 8th Street Phase I** – Phase I is complete. However, we are looking at the intersection at 8th and Perkins to see what our options are to improve the area. It is very bumpy.
 - b. **13th Street Culvert** – We are looking to get this done during the school's fall break. We need to wait until the Fish & Wildlife Department has their public comment period.
 - c. **8th Street Phase II** After Morgan Street Phase 1 - They are putting in conduit for fiber. Phase II is the road and sidewalks.
 2. **4th Street & Cherry Street Mill and Surface** - We are not sure when this will be completed. We are waiting on the contractor.
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1. **BEP 220 W 3rd** – Scheduled for mid-August.
 2. **Rushville Revitalization Program – Big O Tire** – Nothing to report.
 3. **Liquidation of Property (At purchaser request)** – We continue to wait to hear from the parties that have shown interest in the purchase.
 - a. **Resolution 2020-29 Approval to Sell Property**
 - b. **Market Street R/W (West of Cerro Gordo St)**- We are reviewing title work.
 - c. **4th Street Property**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Update Morgan Street Trailhead Change Orders** – The project is going very well. There are no change orders.
2. **Monthly Project Claims** - Williams moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - a. Cherry Street - \$17,805.50
 - b. Overlook - \$10,295.00
 - c. Boulders Housing 232,170.00
3. **Paramedic Hire – Replacement of Adam Losekamp** - Chief Munson said interviews were held last week. He asked permission to hire Jim Wolfe full time

effective August 2. Wolfe is currently a part-time employee. Williams moved to hire Wolfe as a full-time paramedic effective August 2nd. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **2021 Baseball Diamond Lease** – Newhouse is working on the lease for next year.
5. **Construction Signage Standards** – Cameron said we need to incorporate this into our construction standards. Mayor Pavey said we need better clarification.
6. **OCRA Covid-19 Stage 4.5** – The checks for the small businesses have been distributed. There were 14 businesses with a total of \$250,000.00 being disbursed.

The Governor has extended stage 4.5 near the end of August. We are waiting to see what he does at the end of this period to decide what we will do concerning Rush Fest.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Pavey reported that he is meeting with the Department Heads to discuss their proposed 2021 budgets.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Jarman moved to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.